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TO: Curriculum Directors, Vocational Directors, Business and IT Instructors

FROM: Barbara K. Beadle, BMIT and Co-Op Education State Specialist

RE: CIW Statewide Partnership

The State of Indiana recognizes the importance of information technology certifications for both its students, educators and local industry. In accordance, the State of Indiana in partnership with Prosoft Learning is pleased to announce the CIW Statewide Partnership.

CIW is widely recognized as vendor-neutral curriculum and certifications that focus on Internet job skills, such as Web site design, development, administration, and security. CIW certifications map to the Information Technology "Career Clusters" defined by the National Association of State Directors of Career Technical Education Consortium. These Career Clusters group IT skills and knowledge by the job roles most common in today's workplace. These groupings help guide students and workers alike in pursuing desired educational and professional opportunities.

This partnership will begin with a fall 2006 implementation of a pilot school program. Through this pilot program the schools will receive professional development through the CIW Faculty Institute, CIW official curriculum, integration support, in the classroom testing membership and assessment tools. The program is designed to integrate the CIW Foundations Certification course with the existing Web Design and IT: Interactive Media courses. This pilot program will also support schools in implementing articulation agreements with post secondary institutions across the state, using CIW.

The continued partnership will be offered to all schools in 2007. This partnership provides many benefits. First, schools can become a CIW Authorized Academic Partner (CIW AAP) at no charge. Partnering schools can purchase the Official CIW courseware and related online and testing tools at a discount, be recognized as an Authorized Partner on the CIW Web site, and participate in special instructor programs offered by CIW Faculty Institutes. Partnering schools will offer CIW certification exams directly to their students from their classrooms.

If you are interested in serving as a pilot site for 2007-2008 or want to know more about this program, we would like to hear from you. For additional information about the CIW program, please contact Casey O'Brien, at 800.228-1027 or cobrien@prosoftlearning.com. For information about this partnership, please contact Barbara Beadle at 317-232-9179 or bbeadle@doe.state.in.us.